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# Springfield Coal Sulfur EDGAR County

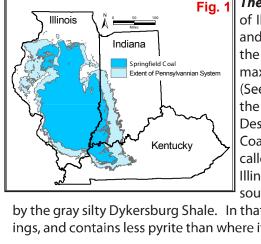
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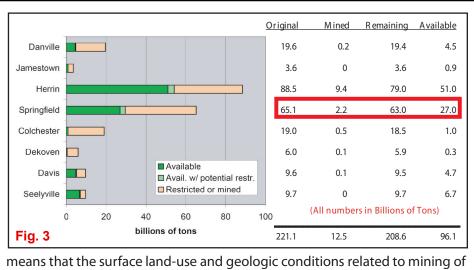
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of Illinois as well as portions of western Indiana and western Kentucky. The coal crops out along the margins of the Illinois Basin and reaches a maximum depth in Illinois of about 1,300 feet. (See Fig 1. and Fig 2.) The Springfield Coal is in the Carbondale formation which is part of the Desmoninesian Series. (See Fig. 4) The Springfield Coal is normally overlain by a black fissile shale called the Turner Mine shale, but in southeastern Illinois, in a belt several miles wide that trends southwestward, the coal is thick and is overlain by the gray silty Dykersburg Shale. In that belt the coal is commonly split by shale part-

ings, and contains less pyrite than where it is overlain by the black fissile shale (Hopkins, 968 - B95). (See Fig 4.) **T**he original resource of Springfield Coal in the State of Illinois totals 65.1 billion tons, of which 2.2 billion have



the deposit (e.g. thickness, depth, in-place tonnage, stability of bedrock overburden) are comparable to other coals currently being mined in the state. Of these resources, 23 billion tons occur in coal 42 to 66 inches thick and 4 billion tons occur in thicknesses greater than 66 inches thick.

been mined. Approximately **T**he Springfield Coal has been mined in Illinois for well over 100 years. The 41% of the original Springfield thickest resources of Springfield Coal in Illinois are found in the central part of the state around the city of Springfield and in the southeastern part of the state along the Galatia Channel. Recent and historical mining of the coal has been concentrated in these areas and in shallow surface minable deposits west of Coal for mining in Illinois: Illinois State Geological Survey Illinois Minerals 118, 43 p.

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**Coal Sulfur** 

Less than or equal to 0.40 (lb S per MM Btu)

0.41 to 0.60 (lb S per MM Btu)

0.61 to 0.83 (lb S per MM Btu)

0.84 to 1.24 (lb S per MM Btu)

1.25 to 1.67 (lb S per MM Btu)

1.68 to 2.50 (lb S per MM Btu)

Greater than 2.50 (lb S per MM Btu)

- Handbook of Illinois Stratigraphy, 1975, Illinois State Geological Survey Bulletin 95, 261p. - Treworgy, C.G., C.P. Korose, C.A. Chenoweth, and D.L. North, 1999a, Availability of the Springfield

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